

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	82
Fire Safety Rating	79
Green Rating	87
Type of school	public
Environment	city

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	21,320
% male/female	48/52
% from out of state	39
% frosh from public high school	90
% frosh live on campus	92
% ugrads live on campus	29
# of fraternities	23
# of sororities	21
% African American	3
% Asian	3
% Caucasian	74
% Hispanic	5
% Native American	0
% international	9
# of countries represented	104

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Great off-campus food
Athletic facilities are great
Lots of beer drinking
Hard liquor is popular
Everyone loves the Hawks

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	69
% students returning for sophomore year	86
% students graduating within 4 years	47
% students graduating within 6 years	70
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	16:1
Profs interesting rating	72
Profs accessible rating	75
Most classes have 10–19 students.	
Most lab/discussion sessions have 20–29 students.	

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

business/commerce; engineering;
 pre-medicine

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics

University of Iowa manages to pull off an amazing feat: It's a “Big Ten university full of exciting opportunities,” yet it's still able to maintain “a small-college feel.” Moreover, as the state's flagship school, Iowa provides a “great education” at a “reasonable price.” Additionally, students here welcome the fact that “requirements are minimal.” In turn, this truly encourages undergrads to “make [their] education [their] own.” While there are certainly a “[wide] range of degree programs” from which to choose, students here are especially impressed with Iowa's journalism, premed, writing, nursing, and engineering departments. Though professors certainly run the gamut from “amazing” to “boring,” the majority of them are “very engaged with students and are always helpful to any student looking to push their learning beyond the classroom.” A fellow student concurs adding that her professors are “passionate, encouraging, and invested in the success of their students both inside and outside of academia.” Undergrads at Iowa also appreciate that their teachers really “do a nice job of balancing lectures with real-world applications of the material.” Finally, as this pleased undergrad summarizes her school, “The University of Iowa is a platform to launch yourself to the top of your field at an affordable price.”

Life

If there's one thing that undergrads tend to agree on, it's that “life is pretty fun at the University of Iowa.” To begin with, sports culture is definitely big here. As one student relays, “During football season, Saturdays get crazy. There is just a sea of black and gold swarming toward the stadium. Nothing can really compare to 70,000 Hawkeye fans in one place.” Additionally, students love the new rec center, which frequently runs trips “to go rock-climbing, camping, hiking, or kayaking.” Of course, the university also sponsors a number of other events outside of athletics. For example, “There are always concerts and comedians on campus, [and] many [of these shows] are even free to students. There are also free movies shown at the Iowa Memorial Union.” Students also stress that the university has a lively drinking scene. Indeed, “There is always a party going on here at Iowa.” Lastly, undergrads also love hometown Iowa City, which offers a “vibrant downtown” that's “literally across the street from campus.” Students happily take advantage of the city's “unique places to eat, shop, or go out.” As this undergrad poetically concludes, “When a man is tired of Iowa City, he is tired of life.”

Student Body

With such a large student body, undergrads here all posit that there is no “typical” student. One pleased undergrad elaborates, “Everyone is unique and has a different story, but that's one thing that makes life here so great. You have the ability to meet people from around the country and around the world, and we all get to share the experience of college together.” Indeed, students feel very fortunate to be surrounded by such diversity. “We have a strong LGBTQA presence on campus, [along with] different religious places near campus. [In addition,] there are many different organizations for minorities, religions, and everything else here on campus. I couldn't imagine someone coming here and not being able to find a student organization that is for them.” Of course, if pressed to generalize, students will describe their fellow Hawkeyes as “friendly, hardworking, and studious” but also “laid-back” and “very social.” However, what ultimately unites this student body is the fact that most undergrads have “their season football tickets by June.”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

Very important factors considered include: Class rank, GPA, rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores. *Other factors considered include:* Recommendation(s), character/personal qualities, state residency, talent/ability. SAT or ACT required; ACT with Writing component recommended. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English; 3 mathematics; 3 science; 2 foreign language; 3 social studies. *Academic units recommended:* 4 mathematics; 4 foreign language.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA, institution's own financial aid form. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Direct PLUS loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Nursing Loans, college/university loans from institutional funds. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Off-campus job opportunities are good.

The Inside Word

Like many large public universities, admissions officers at the University of Iowa rely heavily on quantitative factors when determining an applicant's status. Therefore, GPA and standardized test scores will likely hold the most weight. It should also be noted that the majority of applicants are admitted to the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences or the College of Engineering. Students interested in other programs (say within the College of Business or Nursing) often apply after they have enrolled in the university.

THE SCHOOL SAYS "..."

From the Admissions Office

"The University of Iowa has outstanding programs in the creative arts, notably the Iowa Writers' Workshop and the world-renowned International Writing Program. It also has strong programs in business, communication studies, journalism, English, engineering, political science, and psychology, and was the birthplace of the discipline of speech pathology and audiology. It offers excellent programs in the basic health sciences and health care programs, led by the top ranked College of Medicine and the closely associated University Hospitals and Clinics.

"The University of Iowa will accept either the SAT or the ACT. The ACT writing test is not required but we recommend you take it."

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	77
# of applicants	19,430
% of applicants accepted	78
% of acceptees attending	29

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	470–630
Range SAT Math	550–690
Range SAT Writing	490–610
Range ACT Composite	22–28
Minimum paper TOEFL	530
Minimum web-based TOEFL	80
Average HS GPA	3.6
% graduated top 10% of class	24
% graduated top 25% of class	55
% graduated top 50% of class	91

DEADLINES

Priority	
Deadline	4/1
Nonfall registration?	Yes

APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT AND OFTEN PREFER

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

AND SOMETIMES PREFER

Indiana University—Bloomington; Iowa State University; University of Northern Iowa

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	74
Annual in-state tuition	\$6,678
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$24,900
Room and board	\$9,420
Required fees	\$1,483
Books and supplies	\$1,040
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	65
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	64
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	61
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	41
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	78
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	83
% frosh rec. any financial aid	79
% UG rec. any financial aid	72
% UG borrow to pay for school	55
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$26,296
% frosh need fully met	29
% ugrads need fully met	28
Average % of frosh need met	63
Average % of ugrad need met	63